



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

D.T.E. 06-3

January 24, 2006

Petition of New England Gas Company for approval of proposed changes in its gas procurement practices.

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New England Gas Company ("Company") is required to publish the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments in the Attleboro Sun, the Fall River Herald News and either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald fourteen (14) days prior to February 20, 2006. The Company shall also make return of service and proof of publication at that time.

By Order of the Department,

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MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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On January 6, 2006, New England Gas Company (“New England” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) a proposal for changes in its gas procurement practices. Currently, the Company purchases approximately 28 percent of its normal winter gas-supply requirements during the preceding spring and summer and stores that gas for use in the coming winter. Under the proposal, New England would purchase up to half of its projected normal winter requirements in the preceding spring and summer. The Company proposes to lock-in prices on non-storage volumes equally over the preceding twenty-month period. The Company believes that this approach will serve to limit the price volatility that can occur in the natural gas marketplace.

Copies of the Company’s filing are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Company: 100 Weybosset Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903; and at the offices of the Department, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. For further information regarding the Company’s filing please contact the Company’s attorney:

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The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s proposal. Persons wishing to submit such comments should file as follows: an original and two (2) copies not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, **February 20, 2006**, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and one (1) copy with the Company's attorney.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [jody.stiefel@state.ma.us](mailto:jody.stiefel@state.ma.us), or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 06-3), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.